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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

The idea of increasing the basic facilities fee by a factor of over 337% is ridiculous and unacceptable. It will unduly burden the elderly and poor people of our fine state & it will render the journey to increasing home efficiency a losing proposition.

It will also have a serious negative impact on homeowners that are considering .going Solar.

In contrast to your lack of proper action regarding the two failed nuclear plants, please protect your South Carolina constituents, do your jobs properly and reject this rate increase request as it presently stands!!

Sincerely,
Harold Schnetzka

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